



If you don't know history, you don't know anything. You're a leaf that doesn't know it's part of a tree.

Michael Crichton, Timeline

GRADE 7 SOCIAL STUDIES

Mrs. McMunn - Room 307, and Ms. Poller- Room 306

Welcome to seventh grade Social Studies. You are in for an exciting journey in time!

This year, we will learn about ancient history. In the past years we have focused on the following cultures and time periods: Mesopotamia, Egypt, China, India, Greece, Incas, Aztecs, Mayas, Mali, Rome, Early Middle Ages, and Medieval and Renaissance Europe and Japan.

Highlights of this year include an archeology day in the fall, a trip to the Higgins Armory in the spring, and the Medieval Faire in June.

You need to bring the following materials with you EACH DAY to class: a pen or pencil, a social studies notebook or trapper section with note paper, social studies folder, and current events notebook (will be provided).

We will have midterm and final exams. Both exams will be on everything that has been studied since the beginning of the year, so SAVE EVERYTHING! Folders are available if you would like a separate folder for each unit.

For most units, you will receive an assignment sheet with homework due dates, quiz and test dates, and unit expectations. Assignment sheets will be provided online (www.mansfieldct.gov/mms) and in print for each unit. It is critical that you keep track of important dates in your plan book.

Unexcused late work will result in a loss of five points per day. If you do not have an assignment on its due date, you'll be expected to stay at the Homework Club after school to complete the assignment (this should help you avoid losing too many points). *It is your responsibility to see me regarding missed work due to an absence.*

Current events stories will be discussed in each class. Current Events quizzes and/or presentations take place regularly. We encourage you to stay informed and aware of the world around you.

Grades will average homework, tests, quizzes, current events, classwork, and class participation.

Hard work and a positive attitude will lead to success! I hope you are looking forward to this year as much as I am. We have quite an adventure ahead of us!

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Please share this information with your parent(s) or guardian(s) and have them sign below. Return the bottom portion of the sheet to your social studies teacher.

Parent Signature _____

Student Name (please print): _____ SS # _____

ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS



As we explore various ancient cultures this year, we will consider some essential questions about each culture's values, structure, and lifestyle. These allow us to make comparisons among cultures and between ancient and modern times.

- What influence did geography have on the development of a society?
- What kinds of challenges did a society face and how did it react to them?
- How does the social structure, including family and gender roles, reflect the attitudes of a society?
- How does the education system reflect the priorities and social structure of a society?
- How does the government, including the legal code, affect or reflect the priorities and attitudes of a society?
- What role does religion/ritual play in a society?
- **How have ancient cultures contributed to our modern world?**